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Next Club Meeting
May 14, 2009
program speaker
Bill Scholz, W1HIJ
Demonstration, Remote Operation

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May 15, 16, 17

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recognition in the 2008 ARRL CW
Sweepstakes contest. see page 9



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Hello Everyone...Well - are you recovered from Visalia yet? I had a great time seeing old friends I haven't seen or talked to in a long time. The speakers and subjects were informative with information I found of interest. Learn something new all the time!

I'd like to say "Job well done" to the Northern Calif. DX Club. It was nice to sit back and enjoy this year's convention.

Every convention is a learning experience and this will no doubt have its share of new ideas. We are already gearing up for our convention in 2010 put on by the SCDXC.

Thursday' night at Bubba's Bar-B-Q had a wonderful turn out of approx. 90 people! The buffet was the way to go...everyone got plenty of just what they wanted and liked. Look forward to a night at Bubba's each year. Didn't see anyone from the Club on the bull? What happened?

Unfortunately - Bubba "Bob" W6ZPL wasn't able to make this years convention but should be ready to ride the bull in 2010!

Now on to our next event...The Southern Calif. DX Picnic is just around the corner on Saturday June 6th at Woodley Park.

Arnie's - N6HC "pic" for this years "picnic" is Hamburgers and Hot Dogs along with all the trimmings. Arnie has asked if you can...to please bring a side dish to compliment the burgers and dogs.

We will once again have another great raffle prize, which will work well in any one of your radio shacks! Let's hope for a little cooler weather maybe? Fun of course is a guarantee.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting... Maybe bring a friend or two?

Until then - happy Dxing. Tom Paquette - N6OT President SCDXC

ARNIE'S BLARNEY FOR MAY 2009



It has been a few weeks since the Visalia International DX Convention and I think all of us who attended felt it was an unqualified success. We are probably already looking forward to the convention next year on April 16, 17, and 18, 2010. Advance registration will be accepted no sooner than Tuesday, June 16, 2009 beginning at 09:45 am PDT at the Visalia Holiday Inn. The direct telephone number is (559) 651-5000. Reservations must be cancelled seven (7) days prior to arrival or a Cancellation Penalty of one night's room and tax will be charged to the credit card on file. This new policy will enable wait list guests to move over to the Holiday Inn without penalty charges from their existing hotel arrangements in Visalia.

Congratulations to the newest DXer of the Year - Charlie Spetnagel, W6KK.

Congratulations to the newest Clipperton (Rookie of the Year) award recipient – Jonathan Fox, KT6LA.

Last month I asked the membership through this column what changes, if any, should be made to our raffle activity. I received only five (5) responses. All of the individuals who expressed an opinion felt that the raffle should be self-supporting or be eliminated. Accordingly, the raffle will be managed slightly differently beginning with the May 2009 meeting. There will be one Grand Prize and several smaller prizes available for the raffle. If the club does not collect enough funds in raffle ticket sales to cover the cost of the Grand Prize, then only the smaller prizes will be raffled off. The tickets that were sold at our May meeting will be held over for the next meeting and combined with tickets sold at that next meeting. Once the club has sufficient ticket sales to cover the cost of the Grand Prize, it will be available to be claimed by the lucky raffle ticket holder.

Our May 14, 2009 meeting will host Bill Scholz, W1HIJ as the guest speaker. He will educate us about how to set up a remote station operation. He may be able to do a live demonstration to show us how his system performs. Please reread Jeff Wolf's article in the March 2009 BULLETIN to see how Bill's approach to remoting is different/similar to Jeff's set-up. Once you outfit your station to be operated remotely, you have no excuse for not contacting that rare DXpedition that came on the air while you were away on a business or pleasure trip!

Bill Scholz, W1HIJ, was licensed in 1954 as WN1HIJ in Rhode Island and upgraded to a General Class license in 1955. Deeply immersed in the famous cycle 19, he immensely enjoyed contacting VK/ZL on 10 meter AM. He also regularly participated in 1RN and EAN cw traffic nets. After college and graduate school, ham radio took a back seat to "life". He moved to Washington State in 1968 and became W7GEG but he allowed his license to expire in 1975. The ham radio bug bit again in 1996 and Bill became Extra Class licensee AC6UH. Under the vanity call sign program he reclaimed W1HIJ. He is an accomplished contester and Dxer. Bill has operated from French Polynesia (FO0SCH & FO8DX), Cuba (CO0US & T42FD), US Virgin Islands (KP2AA), and Puerto Rico (NP4A). He is in charge of the Telecommunications Division of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and spends a lot of time on the air on Coast Guard HF frequencies. For the past ten years he has been employed behind the counter at HRO-Anaheim.

Don't forget the pre-meeting feast at the Roll 'n Rye deli in Culver City. I'm looking forward to seeing a bodacious turnout for the May meeting.

73 de Arnie N6HC
Vice-President, Southern California DX Club

SCDXC ANNUAL PICNIC

June 6, 2009

1100 Hrs Woodley park in Van Nuys.
See the club web site for directions.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drink will be provided by the club. Each individual should bring a side dish. Desserts, cole slaw, potato salad, chili, etc would be appropriate. We are not going to have tri-tip or chicken this year. If you like, you may bring chicken or some other entree (fish,steak,etc) and we will gladly BBQ it.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SEE ARNIE, N6HC
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THE EDITOR

Life Goes On!



We just returned from the annual trek to Visalia. It was good to see everyone and renew friendships with our northern brethren. I received one dissenting bulletin comment. The president, vice president, and editor articles are redundant. Shrink them to a paragraph. Well we are hams and that is just not going to happen! Maybe we should have the commentator join the staff and help... no wait a minute... He would have to become a member again and possibly go to a meeting. No way that would happen now, right? However this is probably the third time you have heard about Visalia so I decided to use an engineering trick abbreviating my observations in bullet form:

- Bubba's Was Awesome! (See Footnote)
- Attendance Seemed Low - Yet Banquet At Full Capacity
- Exceptional Presentations
 - Way to go Bob, N6OX!
 - Martti - Radio Arcala - Incredible!
- Great Speakers!
- You Could Hear A Pin Drop During Banquet Presentation
 - Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, K0DQ, - Counter-Terrorism
- Bob Allphin, K4UEE Desecheo Presentation - Excellent!
 - Desecheo DXpedition - Incredibly Organized!
- Southern Tribe Swooped On The Icom Prizes! - Only Missed The IC7700!
 - Vi Barrett and Don Barrett Won! IC 718 & IC 7000
 - Rich Bongeorno IC 7000
 - Ernie Nairne IC 718
 - Steve Lawrence IC 2200 H
 - Yours Truly MA 40 mast
- Where Was Red, W6AE?
- Congratulations Northern California!

Another conspicuously missing person was our own Bubba, Bob, W6ZPL. Bob Grimmick spoke on his behalf at the BBQ. His wife is struggling at this time and Bob is by her side. If you are reading this Bubba our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, Godspeed.

Well I kept it down to a page! I would like to make a suggestion for all of us regarding next year's convention. We all know a child, grandchild, nephew, niece or a neighbor. Let's get them started on their way! Spend the first few months bringing them up to speed on the hobby and then work towards a license. Make a plan and commitment. When next year rolls around bring them to the convention. With only ten percent success there would be 30 young hamsters in attendance next year. How about sponsoring them? How about donating a station for a youth drawing? How about a North / South competition? That is really something to compete over. We all started out because someone took the time to work with us. Let's give a little back. We will all benefit. DE Bill N6RV



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the web site
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ICQ Amateur / Ham Radio Podcast comes of age with 21st Episode

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Dear Fellow Amateur, Below is some information regarding the ICQ Podcast reaching it's 21st episode milestone. We would be very grateful if you could let your members know of our project either by forwarding this email or republishing in your club newsletter. Many thanks Martin (M1MRB) and Colin (M6BOY)

Launched in July 2008, the ICQ Amateur / Ham Radio Podcast provides a mixture of news, views, training, technical reviews and information for all levels around the world. This month, April 2009, the ICQ Podcast came of age with the publication of our 21st episode. Previous episodes have included roundtable discussions with new entrants to the hobby and seasoned pros discussing the hobby. Technical reviews have covered many topics including aerials, modifications and products reviews, and interviews with Hams advising their latest innovations. The ICQ Amateur / Ham Radio Podcast is a fortnightly radio type show, downloadable from the internet. Episodes can either be downloaded direct from the website (<http://www.icqpodcast.com>) or by subscribing to iTunes (<http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=284922000>). By registering with the ICQ Podcast website, an email will be sent to you with a direct link to download the latest episodes. Episodes can be played back either from the computer or by loading the mp3 file onto an mp3 player. The ICQ Podcast is a podcast "for Amateur's by Amateur's" and we would be very interested to hear from anyone who would like to be involved. If you would like to contact us, please email info@icqpodcast.com We hope you enjoy the ICQ Podcast. Kind regards Martin Butler (M1MRB) and Colin Butler (M6BOY)

2008 ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest

Two SCDXC members qualified for recognition in the 2008 ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest.

Bob Harrington, AA6PW, was the Orange section, single operator, low power winner with 833 QSOs, 80 sections worked and a final score of 133,280 points.

Arnie Shatz, N6HC, was the Orange section, single operator, high power winner with 1,064 QSOs, 80 sections worked and a final score of 170,240 points.

Both Bob and Arnie will also receive a whisk broom and commemorative pin from the ARRL for their "clean sweep" contest achievement.

Submitted by N6HC

SABLE ISLAND DXPEDITION

We want to be sure that all our Southern California DX friends know about our forthcoming DXPEDITION to SABLE ISLAND – CY0.

Our team plans to activate Sable this coming October. We invite all to visit our website for details: www.CY0dexpedition.com <<http://www.cy0dexpedition.com/>>

Overall it ranks as No. 72 in the DX Most Needed Survey and No. 13 in Asia. We suspect many though still would like to work it for various band/mode needs. Looking forward to working all.

Tnx for sharing this info. 73, Randy Rowe – N0TG Waxahachie, TX

Your smile for today
saving acorns just went big time

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mdm12KONMBA>

click on the above and enjoy.

submitted by Urban, W6MPB

MEMBER PROFILE-AA6PW

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Welcome to another installment of Member Profile. This month you will meet Bob Harrington, AA6PW.

Bob was born in 1953 and raised in Norwalk, CA. He attended Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe Springs, CA followed by four years at Cal Poly Pomona where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. His higher education continued at the University of Redlands where he was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree.

He married Gloria (KE6GLG) in 1977 and they have two children, a son and a daughter.

Bob has worked for the Boeing Corporation for 32 years as a production engineer manager and his office is in Long Beach.

In 1983 Bob's younger brother, who lives in Missouri, was the first family member to become interested in ham radio. Several years later, Bob's father earned a radio license so that he could communicate with his youngest son. Bob was left out of this activity and quickly realized that by studying for his ticket he could join the on-the-air fun with his brother and father. His initial Novice license call sign was KC6CJW. Within six months, Bob was Extra Class licensee AA6PW.

His station set-up consists of a Yaesu FT-1000 Mark V transceiver and an Alpha 89 A power amplifier. His antennas are mounted on a 55 foot crank-up tower holding a KLM KT34-XA and a Cushcraft two element forty meter beam. An inverted Vee dipole for eighty meters is anchored at the top of the tower. He also has two meter and 440 MHz capability with a dual band VHF vertical antenna. Unfortunately, the station lies dormant while Bob remodels his house and radio shack.

Bob has been a member of the SCDXC for five years and is a regular attendee of the Visalia DX convention. He has 285 DXCC entities confirmed. Although he could easily qualify for other wallpaper awards such as WAS, WAZ, WAC, etc., he is more interested in operating the station rather than participating in these award programs. That doesn't mean that he doesn't have paper and wood plaques for the shack wall. He has been an active contester from Orange County for many years and has earned countless recognitions from the ARRL and CQ as well as the NCCC (California QSO Party). He is consistently the Division Leader of the Orange Section in many ARRL contests in his class of operation, which is usually low power CW. His favorite contest is CW Sweepstakes but he is a familiar CW operator at the Western Amateur Radio Association or Orange County Amateur Radio Club Field Day site.

Bob is a team player. He has participated in many multi-operator contest entries from KG6OK (SK), W6EMC, and VY2TT. He has also operated from Hawaii as AA6PW/KH6. His competitive spirit is invaluable to the team contesting effort and his prowess with an automatic keyer makes him a very much appreciated team member. It is obvious from his activity that CW is his preferred mode of operation; however, he has been known to pick up a microphone, on occasion, and he is considering initiating digital mode operation from his home station.

Bob has been an active member of the Western Amateur Radio Association and Southern California Contest Clubs for 20 years and a member of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club for three years. He has been a long time member of the ARRL.

Bob is unable to attend our monthly meetings due to his heavy workload and responsibilities in his position at Boeing. When he retires from Boeing, he will be able to participate in the SCDXC activities on a regular basis.

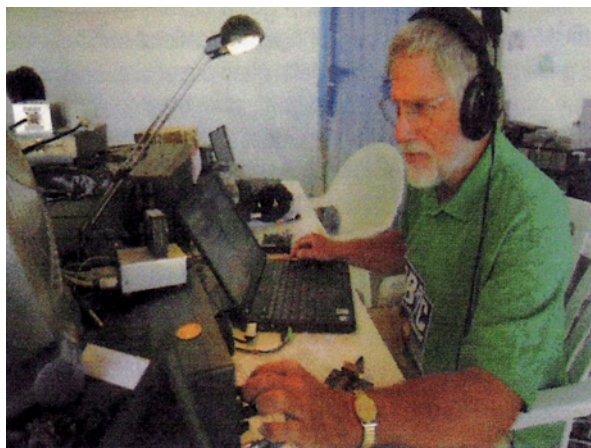
Arnie the traveling DXer

On March 25, 2009, I gave a talk to the San Diego DX Club on my Kure atoll DXpedition experience in 2005. I was accompanied to San Diego by Larry, K6YUI and Wayne, W6IRD. I fine time was had by all!

Arnie N6HC



Arnie is (in) Italian!



meduse e con gli aculei di ricci o razze può essere molto doloroso e risolversi in un'infezione, perciò è necessario starne alla larga e calzare adeguate protezioni per i piedi. Anche le punture d'insetti quali zanzare,

St. Brandon 2007, a cavallo fra hobby e professione: Arnie, N6HC, alle prese con il pile-up in CW generato da 3B7C

Recently our vice president, Arnie, N6HC, published an article on being a DXpedition doctor. Well it was picked up and translated in Italian by the magazine *RadioRivista*, the official magazine of the Association of Italian Radio Amateurs. Not only is Arnie a globetrotter he is getting press all over the world! Way to go Arnie... Where to next Arnie?

Sotto il sole di St. Brandon, Arnie aiuta a erigere il 4-square array per i 40 metri dopo aver preso le debite precauzioni: calzature anfibia, pantaloni lunghi, camicia a maniche lunghe, cappello a tesa larga e abbondante crema protettiva solare



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